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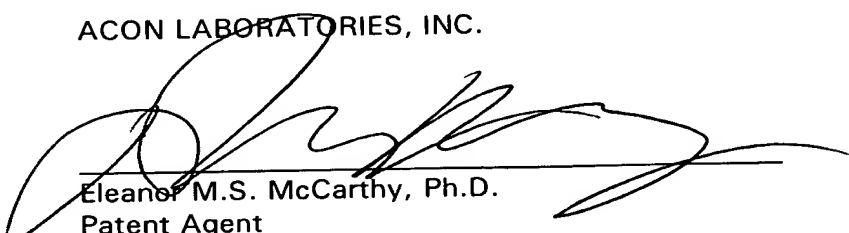
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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